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Agricultural Summary

December ended with near normal temperatures and below normal precipitation. These recent weather conditions were ideal for livestock, but have winter wheat producers a little concerned. They would prefer more winter conditions like snow cover than spring conditions of recent rainfalls. Condition of winter wheat, as of January 3, was 1 percent very poor, 14 percent poor, 30 percent fair, 43 percent good, and 12 percent excellent. Topsoil moisture was 2 percent short, 61 percent adequate, and 37 percent surplus. Farm activities included working on taxes, ordering seed, working on machinery, and signing up for 2005 farm programs.

Soil Moisture Table

District	Topsoil Moisture			
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
November 28				
Northwest	-	10	88	2
Northeast	-	3	90	7
West	-	1	72	27
Central	-	-	67	33
East	-	-	44	56
W Southwest	-	1	75	24
E Southeast	-	-	30	70
Southwest	-	-	67	33
Southeast	-	-	-	100
State	-	2	61	37

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
December 1 - 31						
Northwest	26.9	25.1	1.8	1.29	2.04	-0.75
Northeast	27.4	26.6	0.9	1.67	2.31	-0.64
West	31.0	28.6	2.4	1.74	2.25	-0.51
Central	30.4	28.4	2.0	1.84	2.50	-0.66
East	30.2	28.7	1.5	2.31	2.58	-0.27
W Southwest	32.7	31.2	1.5	2.08	2.72	-0.64
E Southeast	32.3	32.2	0.1	2.30	3.08	-0.78
Southwest	34.6	34.5	0.2	2.01	3.42	-1.41
Southeast	34.2	35.1	-0.9	2.41	3.60	-1.20
State	30.9	29.8	1.1	1.94	2.69	-0.74

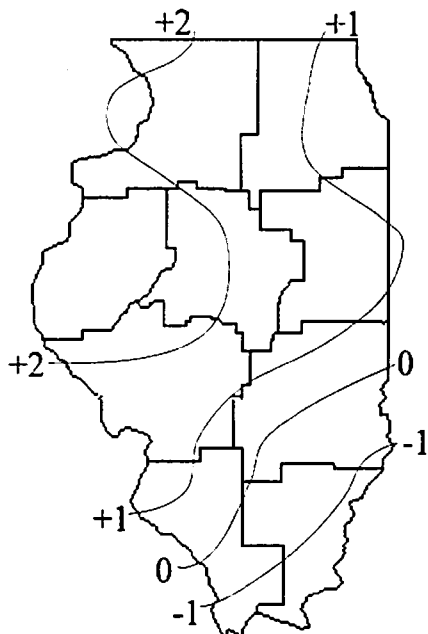
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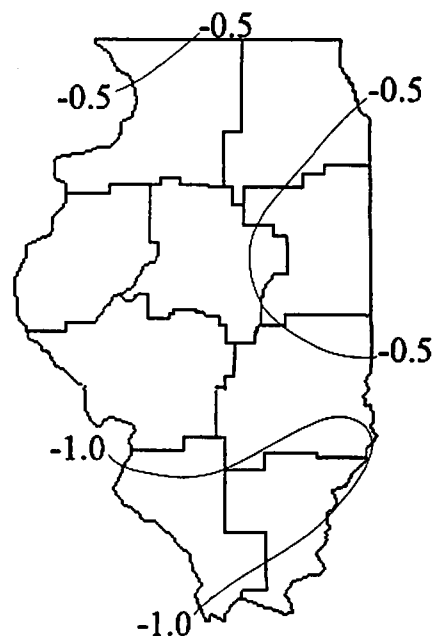
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Temperature (°F) Departure
December 1 - 31



Precipitation (in.) Departure
December 1 - 31

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